

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 10/437,653, filed May 13, 2003. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with U.S. Serial No. 10/437,653 on November 3, 2003. The issue fee was paid on January 30, 2004 and the patent has not yet been issued. Accordingly, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/437,653 is pending today and the subject divisional application is co-pending therewith for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1-36 without prejudice, adds new claims 37-49 and amends the Specification to reference related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/437,653.

Applicant respectfully submits that this Preliminary Amendment is formalistic only and adds no new matter and requests that these amendments be entered prior to examination.

No fees are believed to be owed in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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